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record of the Administration to be kept on microfilm or in other microform, and the original destroyed.

(d) Except for records required by law to be kept longer, the Administrator may destroy any record of the Administration that it has kept for 3 years or more and that the Administrator considers obsolete and unnecessary to the work of the Administration.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.

## CHAPTER 628

(House Bill 38)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law - Expungement of Records

FOR the purpose of specifying the period of time that must elapse prior to the filing of a petition requesting expungement of certain police and-court-records records, court records, and other records in a case in which a judgment of probation without finding a verdict, or probation on stay of entry of judgment, is entered; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 737 Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

737.

(a) [If a] A person [is] charged with the commission of a crime [and] MAY FILE A PETITION SETTING FORTH THE RELEVANT FACTS AND REQUESTING EXPUNGEMENT OF THE POLICE RECORDS, COURT RECORDS, AND OTHER RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS, PERTAINING TO THE CHARGE IF: